

**AQAA
DAR COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT
23 July 1997**

FAR/DFARS Cases Discussed:

97-025	Administrative Changes to Cost Accounting Standards Applicability: Makes certain administrative changes to FAR Parts 30 and 32 to conform these parts with Appendix B - Cost Accounting Preambles and Regulations. Identified an editorial error on CAS Board version of clause. Suggested revision be made to FAR version. Will run by Rich Loeb.	Agreed to final rule, as edited.
97-D304	Binding Arbitration in Alternative Dispute Resolution: Provide guidance on the appropriate use of binding arbitration and on when a contracting officer or employee of the Department has the authority to settle an issue in controversy through binding arbitration.	Deferred discussion pending OGC coordination.
95-D703	Multiyear and Other Miscellaneous Provisions: FASA Case (previously managed by Acquisition Reform) implements Section 1002, Revision and Reorganization of Multiyear Contracting Authority; Section 2301, Certification of Contract Claims; Section 3006, Repeal of Requirement for Competitive Prototyping for Major Programs; Section 3031, Definitions [re Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF)]; Section 3032, Consolidation of Provisions Relating to Contractual Commitment of Aircraft; Section 3033, Use of Military Installations by Contractors; Section 7102(b), Contracting Program for Certain Small Business Subcontracting Plans; and, Section 7105, Extension of Small Disadvantaged Businesses and Certain Institutions of Higher Learning. NOTE: DLA recommended clarification of language on Inter-DoD acquisitions under Economy Act. Recommendation not adopted because of continuing disagreements between Services on application.	Rescheduled discussion of coverage relating to CRAF until 07/30/97.
97-D017	Test Contract Format: Provides for an alternative solicitation/contract format.	Rescheduled discussion for 07/30/97.

NOTE: FAR Part 15 public comments analysis is on-going. Seventy-seven (77) comments were received. If you would like to review the public comments, we will provide a copy. Any agency-level comments to be made through the DAR Council must be provided to AQAA by 08/05/97. The 08/06/97 meeting will be the only opportunity for the DAR Council to discuss this case.